

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1, 8, 9, and 12-14 are amended.

35 USC § 112 Rejections

The examiner rejected claims 1-12, 14, and 16 as indefinite in lacking antecedent basis. Appropriate amendments have been made obviate said rejection.

35 USC § 102(b) and 103(a) Rejections

Claims 13 and 14 were rejected under 102(b) or 103(a) based on DE8616206.6.

Although the rejection is traversed, significant amendments have been made to better distinguish the claimed invention from the cited reference. Specifically, claims 13 and 14 both require that the “spacing members” “maintain relative positions of the profiled part and the sensing head”. The element identified by the examiner as corresponding to the spacing members in DE8616206.6 is a flexible seal and cannot thus function to maintain the relative positions and simply is not a spacing member. Thus, the spacing member and specified function is not present in the identified references and claims 13 and 14 should be allowed.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,



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